



LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

ANNUAL UPDATE

FISCAL YEAR 2022

(July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022)

HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE LIBRARY'S WORK POSSIBLE!



WEINSTEIN AUTHOR SERIES BRINGS FOUR POWERFUL AUTHORS AND BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

Nearly 1,000 people enjoyed Weinstein Author Series talks with Karen Cox, Alexis Coe, Dr. Samantha Rosenthal and Kristen Green. Topics ranged from an untraditional look at one of our founding fathers to the resilient LGBTQ+ community in Roanoke and the history of monuments and the slave trade in Richmond. This series is made possible with generous support from the Carole Weinstein Endowment for Virginia Authors.

WAR, REMEMBRANCE AND THE POWER OF RECORDS

In April, the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded the Library a significant \$315,000 grant for a three-year project to digitize and begin to make accessible 250,000 WWII separation notices. The overall project is a five-year initiative that will require additional funding to widely promote accessibility and transcription of these important family and historical records.

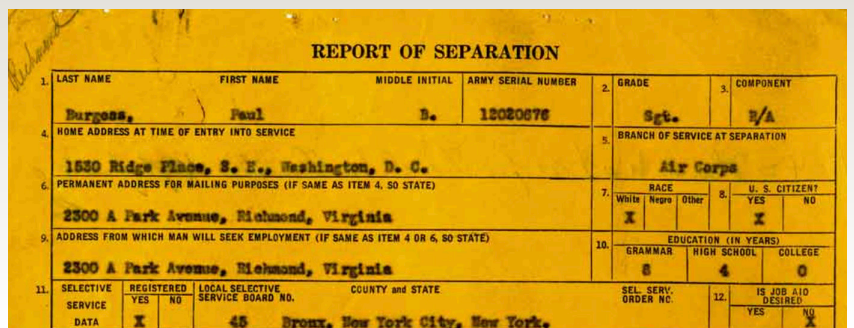


THE LIFE AND WORK OF LOUIS HYME FREEMAN JR.

In 2019, the Library acquired a large collection from local Black freelance photographer L.H. Freeman Jr., who lived in Richmond's Jackson Ward neighborhood. The collection contains more than 20,000 negatives documenting Freeman's community during the 1940s–1970s. In fall 2021, the Library received a grant from the Shelton H. Short, Jr. Trust to begin digitizing the collection and using community crowdsourcing to identify the people, places and events photographed.

TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

Last summer, the Library welcomed six undergraduate students for a 10-week intensive experience to explore career and education options, develop skills and experience, connect with professionals and reflect on possibilities within cultural institutions. Each of the interns worked on a specific project with their supervisor in their area of interest. The 2022 summer cohort was supported in part by EBSCO, the Universal Leaf Foundation, and other Library supporters.



THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA CELEBRATES 200 YEARS!

In 2023, the Library will celebrate its 200th anniversary with a series of educational programs, special events and exhibitions that build on the Library's historic past while looking toward its third century of public service as the oldest cultural state institution in the commonwealth.

Watch for these anchor activities in 2023:

- Statewide outreach vehicle in **YOUR** community
- Anniversary exhibition and multimedia experience
- Star-studded Virginia Literary Awards Celebration

BY THE NUMBERS

WEB PAGE VIEWS

5,517,515

LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

14,440

USER WEBSITE SESSIONS

2,002,803



VOLUNTEER TRANSCRIBERS

7,224

PAGES TRANSCRIBED

4,490,635

INCLUDING TEXT CORRECTIONS



PROGRAM ATTENDEES

5,247

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL

RESEARCH QUESTIONS ANSWERED

16,177

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

2,799,044



ESTIMATED TOTAL ITEMS IN LVA COLLECTION

131,891,962

78,412,500	State Records
40,615,500	Local Records
8,738,977	Rare Book and Private Manuscripts Collection
2,304,402	General Book Collection
1,086,864	Visual Studies Collection
673,500	Federal Records
54,753	Map Collection
4,903	DVD/VHS/Audio
563	State Art Collection

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

13,042

Facebook

4,354

Instagram

7,449

Twitter

COLLECTION ITEMS CONSERVED

30 PROJECTS

TOTALLING

17,171 PAGES

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